GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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PROCESSING OF IT RETURNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax officers nation-wide decided not to process any of the returns submitted to Post Offices as reported in Hindustan Times dated October 31, 2006;

(b) if so, the details along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of I.T. returns submitted in post offices in the country State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be processed and refunds paid to the assesses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Representations have been received from the Income tax Employees Federation and Income tax Gazetted officers Association in this regard pointing out that they are opposed to outsourcing of work of the Income-tax Department.

(c) 4,12,278 tax returns have been received through the post offices in the country up to 31.10.2006. State-wise break-up is annexed.

(d) It has been decided to process these returns centrally. It shall facilitate issue of refunds quickly.

State-wise breakup of the tax return filed in Post Offices up to 31st October, 2006

Name of the State	Number of Tax Returns received
Andhra Pradesh	16,006
Assam	919
Bihar	9,162
Chhatisgarh	4,077
Delhi	74,824
Gujarat (including Daman and Diu)	9,026
Haryana	6,019
Himachal Pradesh	3,352
Jammu & Kashmir	1,100
Jharkhand	20,598
Karnataka	29,335
Kerala	31,016
Madhya Pradesh	14,081
Maharashtra	68,275
Goa	1,285
Meghalaya	23
Tripura	49
Manipur	08
Mizoram	30
Arunanchal	83
Nagaland	0
Orissa	4,144
Punjab	10,627
Rajasthan	24,630
Tamilnadu	44,618
Uttar Pradesh	18,846
Uttaranchal	4,714
West Bengal	8,134
Sikkim	138
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	142
Total	4,12,278